

# THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John  
Station Road

Sunday 26-April-2009

## Third Sunday Of Easter

*It is difficult for us to accept suffering as part of God's plan. Today we are reminded that it was part of his plan for the Messiah. It was a suffering that he transformed by raising him from the dead. Jesus is this Risen Lord, in him our weakness and our sins are overcome.*



Christ Our Light  
Innishmore

## Third Sunday of Easter

The two disciples returned to Jerusalem to find their former companions and relate their story to them. This group of individuals were dispirited; they were full of doubts, fear, guilt and grief. They were broken-hearted as a group, their unity was broken two of their number were absent, Judas was dead and Thomas was also absent. Like people in pain they erected a barrier around themselves. The two spoke of meeting the stranger on the road to Emmaus and recognising Him at the breaking of bread.

Jesus didn't wait for them to come to Him. He came to them while they were still fearful and guilt ridden. He broke through the barrier and brought them something they desperately needed. He said to them "Peace be with you," Suddenly the greatness of the occasion dawned on them, death had been overcome, their failings and betrayal had been overcome. God had triumphed, life had triumphed. Jesus had triumphed over all the evil forces stacked against Him. They could start again, they were filled with joy.

The approach of the risen Jesus is so gentle. The humble Jesus gave courage to his crushed friends, healed their wounds, renewed their hope and gave them life. From collapse and failure something new sprung up. The result is they believed in Him and also in themselves.

The Risen Lord and Easter doesn't take away our pain or remove our fears. The Risen Lord gives hope and courage to us in our fears and pain. When we fail we can get encouragement from the disciples of Jesus, with His support they made a fresh start.

May we have some of the peace of Christ and know that Life is stronger than death.

George O'Mahony

## Experiencing Grief and Loss

Grief is a normal and natural, though often deeply painful, response to loss. The death of a loved one is the most common way we think of loss. Many other significant changes in one's life can also involve loss and therefore grief, eg. a relationship breakup; serious illness in a loved one; job loss; loss of a close friendship, etc. Everyone experiences loss and grief at some time. Feelings of loss are very personal and only you know what is significant to you. The more significant the loss, the more intense the grief is likely to be. Over the next few weeks I'll be writing short reflections on experiencing Grief and Loss.

Sr Colette

## Most Rev. John Buckley DD

Bishop of Cork and Ross

Wednesday April 29<sup>th</sup> marks the  
25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Episcopal  
Ordination of Bishop John

*We wish him continued good health and spiritual guidance*

## PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

### Priest

Gathered together as a community, we bring our prayers to the Lord, who hears us whenever we call him.

### Reader

We pray for the Church, that, guided by the Spirit, it may lead the people on the way of truth and life.

**Lord, Hear us,**

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

For those who are responsible for justice in our land; that they may treat all who come before them with dignity and may grant them a fair hearing.

**Lord, Hear us,**

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

We pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life; that the Lord will provide labourers for the vineyard.

**Lord, Hear us,**

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

For the people of the Holy Land, Jews, Palestinians and Christians; that they may have the opportunity to coexist in peace.

**Lord, Hear us,**

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

We pray for the sick; may they receive the strength to cope with their illness. We pray also for all those who care for the sick; that they may be rewarded for the love that they show to others.

**Lord, Hear us,**

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

We pray for those who have died. May God raise them to life in Christ.

**Lord, Hear us,**

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

### Priest

Heavenly Father, hear the prayers we make this day. We make these and all our prayers through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.

*Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.*

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**BAPTISMS**

**WE WELCOME TO OUR COMMUNITY ALL THOSE WHO WERE BAPTISED RECENTLY :**

Lucey Ann O'Dwyer-Carroll, Castlepark.  
David Oliver Moynihan, Dripsey.  
Martha Mary Collins, Ballyvolane.  
Senan Peter Browne, The Brambles, Classes Lake.  
Rachel Chinoye Emily Moyo, Tuairin Glas Greenfields.

**MARRIAGES**

**CONGRATULATIONS TO:**

Eoin Cahill, Muskerry Estate & Patricia O'Keeffe, Westcliffe  
Conor O'Neill Grange Manor & Patricia O'Mahony, Grange Manor

† **IN SYMPATHY** †

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF THE RECENTLY DECEASED :**

Dan McCarthy, The Crescent.  
Andrew Twohig, Waterfall.  
Barttey Duggan, Glountane.  
Tim Healy, Castlelynoch.  
Margaret O'Donoghue, London.  
Kitty Moriarty Flynn, Cahirciveen.  
Helen Coomey, Boston & Ballincollig.  
Breda Murphy, Inniscarra View.  
Noel Byrne, Dublin.  
Paddy Broderick, London

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF THE FOLLOWING WHOSE ANNIVERSARY OCCURS:**

Julie O'Callaghan, Leemount.  
Maureen Cuddihy, Coolroe.  
Jack & Ann O'Farrell, Ballydehob.  
Helen Notter, Crookhaven.  
David, Frances & Cyril Power, Monkstown.  
Frank Manning, Blackrock.  
Ellen Ryan, Waterfall.  
Paddy O'Sullivan, Joe Murphy's Road.  
Nellie O'Tuama, Togher.  
Connie Radley, Carrigrohane.  
Thomas O'Donnell, Drimoleague.  
Eileen Lyons, England.  
Dec members of the Coady Family, Kilenale & Rosewood.  
Hannah O'Halloran, Pouladuff.  
Bridie Herlihy, Magazine Road.  
Eugene Courtney, Glincool.  
Margaret & Michael Murray, Greenhills, Douglas.  
Michael, Mary & Brid Healy, Waterfall.  
Jack Hurley, Inniscarra View.  
Lil O'Connell, Turners Cross.  
Tommy Carroll, Kilmichael.  
Maurice Hennessy, Oaklands.  
Thomas & Mary Delaney, Maglin.  
Ned & Bernie McLinerney, Coachford & Ballincollig.  
Jeremiah & Catherine Cunningham, Dillons Cross.  
William Kavanagh, East Gate.  
Danjoe O'Shea, Station Road.  
Tom Murray, Pearse Road & Inniscarra.  
Edmond O'Donovan, Cloyne.  
Josephine Murphy, Clonmel.

**Scoil Barra**

Fundraising Fashion Show – Orel House, Ballincollig.  
Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April at 7:30 pm

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Third Week Of Easter**

26 Sunday Acts 3:13-15, 17-19. Ps 4. 1 Jn 2:1-5. Lk 24:35-48. Lect I: 465  
27 Monday Acts 6:8-15. Ps 118. Jn 6:22-29. Lect I: 472  
28 Tuesday Acts 7:51-8:1. Ps30. Jn 6:30-35. Lect I: 474  
29 Wednesday 1 Jn 1:5-2:2. Ps 102. Mt 1:25-30. Lect II: 1009  
30 Thursday Acts 8:26-40. Ps 65. Jn 6:44-51. Lect I: 479  
01 Friday Acts 9:1-20. Ps 116. Jn 6:52-59. Lect I: 481  
02 Saturday Acts 9:31-42. Ps 115. Jn. 6:60-69. Lect I: 484

**Next Sunday's Readings 03-May-2009**

Acts 4:8-12. Ps 117. 1 in 3:1-2. Jn 10:11-18. Lect I: 490

**Catechesis for Adults and Youth**

"This is my gift to you, a peace which the world cannot give you"(Jn.14:27)

**COME and LISTEN**

On many occasions and in different ways, Pope John Paul II highlighted the abundance of fruits the Neocatechumenal Way brings in the life of the faithful, of the families, of the parish communities, and the wealth of vocations which it inspires to the priestly and religious life, manifesting itself as "an itinerary of Catholic formation, valid for our society and for our times" (AAS 82 [1990j] 1513-1515)

The catechesis take place at 8 pm on Mondays and Thursdays, starting Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April, 2009, and continues for 6 weeks at St. Mark's Centre, (opposite Christ Our Light Church), Innishmore, Ballincollig.

*Everyone Welcome*

**May Fair**

**May Bank Holiday Weekend**

Bric-a-brac / cake / charity sale  
In aid of Cois Tine

A Justice project of the S.M.A. Fathers

May 2nd 11 am - 8 pm  
May 3rd 9.30 am - 3 pm

**St. Mary's Dominican Church, Pope's Quay**

St. Mary's Dominican Church Choir presents

**John Rutter's Requiem**

Sunday April 26<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 pm. Tickets €15 available at the Dominican Pastoral Centre, Pope's Quay and at the Church Door on the night.

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**THE SUNDAY READINGS**

First Reading: Acts 3: 13-15, 17-19

In this speech to the Jews, St. Peter aims primarily that Our Lord is the Messiah whose sufferings were foretold by the Prophet Messiah. He wishes to prove that Jesus, in spite of his crucifixion was the Messiah. Peter consoles the Jews with the thought that they had no idea as to whom they were putting to death. Now, however, they are being told so the time has come for them to ask forgiveness for their sins.

Second Reading: 1 John 2: 1-5

The Apostle urges his readers to be very careful to avoid sin; yet he knows the weakness of human nature and holds out the hope of pardon to the sinner because we have an advocate with the Father, one who intercedes for us and for the whole world. Christ exercises this office of advocate for sinners by continually offering the merits of his passion and death on their behalf.

Gospel: Luke 24: 35-48

When Luke set out to write his Gospel he said that he would put all things 'in order'. With these last words of Jesus he welds together what was foretold in Scripture with the mission of the Apostles in the future. Christ had to suffer for the sins of men but as the Messiah he had to rise again and give to the Apostles the power to forgive sins and bring liberation to mankind.

**Writings of St Paul**

Talk 4 in our series on the writings of St Paul will be held in the St Mark Centre this week, on Monday and Thursday evenings at 7.30 pm and on Wednesday morning at 10.00 am

	Monday, 7.30 pm	Wednesday 10.00 am	Thursday 7.30 pm
Talk 4	27 <sup>th</sup> April	29 <sup>th</sup> April	30 <sup>th</sup> April

**Ballincollig Scouts**

The Scout section has been training over the past number of weeks for the third part of our County competition. The first two parts were, the Indoor Skills Challenge, an indoor assessment of 3 skills, knots and lashings, navigation theory and log booking, carried out in patrols. The second part was the Cork City Urban Challenge, a patrol activity involving sketch mapping, estimation and local history. Last weekend the scouts (accompanied by junior teams, out for experience) were on the Knockmealdown's. They arrived in base camp at Mount Melleray scout centre, pitched their tents and were given the route, from this they had to work out the bearings, times and grid points and put all this info on a route card. At 9am Saturday the scouts were dropped at the Vee which is at the foot of the Sugarloaf, from here they had to climb and navigate up the Sugarloaf, Knockmealdown, Knocknagnau and on to the slopes of Knocknafallia where they had to bear off to Mount Melleray. The day was very good and from the peaks you could see in the distance Youghal and Dungarvan harbours. In all they climbed a combined height of 2867m. After coming off the mountains they had to cook dinner for themselves on a Tranga, which is a meths. Stove. You would think after all the walking they would sleep like lambs, not likely the leaders had to tell them more than once to be quite and go to sleep. They sleep well on the bus back to Ballincollig the following day. *Some Scouters are poor listeners because it interferes with what they want to say.*

**Bulletin Board**

**First Friday**

Friday May 1<sup>st</sup> is the first Friday of the month. There will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in St Mary & St John from 6.30 pm to 8 pm, you are invited to come and spend some time with the Lord. There is Mass in St Mary & St John on Friday evening at 8.00 pm. The priests of the parish visit the sick of the parish on the first Friday of each month; please let us know if you have a family member or neighbour who is sick or housebound.

**Baptism Preparation**

The next Baptism preparation will take place **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2009 at 1.00 pm** in the **Library Room, Community Hall, Station Road**. The presentation lasts for approximately forty minutes. The following questions are addressed, What is Baptism? What are the symbols used in the Sacrament of Baptism? How can the family become involved in the ceremony? Parents might book the baptism a few weeks in advance to give ample time to take part in the preparation.

**Confirmation**

Congratulations to the Boys of Scoil Eoin, the Girls of Scoil Mhuire, Boys and Girls of Scoil Barra and Our Lady of Good Counsel who were recently confirmed. Congratulations also to the Parents and Teachers for their great efforts in preparing the children for the Sacrament. Well done to all

**Car Parks**

Due to recent vandalism in car parks adjacent to the churches parishioners are reminded not to leave handbags or personal items in their cars. We ask people to be vigilant with a view to protecting other people's belongings. Please follow white arrows displayed when parking at both Christ Our Light and St Mary & St John and ensure the exits and accesses are not obstructed.

**St Frances, Liberty Street, Cork**

St Frances Church have been asked to host the relics of St Therese of Lisieux on Friday the 8<sup>th</sup> May until midday the 9<sup>th</sup> May. There will be a special Mass at 3.30 pm on Friday the 8<sup>th</sup> May and there will be the opportunity for the Sacrament of reconciliation on both days. And of course the Masses as scheduled for the weekdays will be celebrated at 7 am, 9 am, 10.30 am and 12 noon.

Fr. George

**Old Testament**

A four night introduction to the Old Testament presented by Fr. Charles Conroy MSC., Emeritus Professor of Old Testament, Gregorian University, Rome. 8.00 pm to 9.30 pm on Thursdays 7<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> May 2009 in Bru Columbanus, Cardinal Way, Wilton. Cost €20 {€10 Seniors/Students}. Bookings and information from Fr. Sean O'Sullivan at 021 4357765 or email [are@corkandross.org](mailto:are@corkandross.org) *all are welcome.*

**Society of St. Vincent de Paul**

**Monthly Collection**

Next Weekend 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2009

Please Support

**Darwin and the Faith**

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2009

10.00 am - 12.30 pm

Unexpected Allies. Darwin's Gift to Science and Religion

Presented by: Benedict Hegarty O.P.

St Dominic's Retreat Centre

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Bookings and Enquiries: 021-4502520

**MINISTERS OF THE WORD**

May-02 & May-03-2009

**St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light**

**6:00 pm (Vigil)**  
Sandra Walsh  
Brian Hennessy  
**8:30 am**  
Susan Fennell  
**10:00 am**  
Grace Buttimer  
Orla Horgan  
**12:00 Noon**  
John Dorgan  
Fergal Monahan

**7:30 pm (Vigil)**  
Niamh Murray  
**11:00 am**  
Alex Hatsigrigoriou  
Alison Henchion  
**12:30 pm**  
Tadhg Buckley  
James Nyagaya  
**5:30 pm**  
Marlyn O'Connor

**MASS TIMES**

<b>St. Mary &amp; St. John</b>		<b>Christ Our Light</b>
8:30 am, 10 am & 12 noon	<b>Sunday</b>	11 am, 12:30 pm & 5:30 pm
9:30 am	<b>Monday</b>	8:30 am
9:30 am	<b>Tuesday</b>	8:30 am
9:30 am	<b>Wednesday</b>	8:30 am
9:30 am	<b>Thursday</b>	8:30 am
9:30 am	<b>Friday</b>	8:30 am
10:00 am & 6 pm (Vigil)	<b>Saturday</b>	7:30 pm (Vigil)

**CONFESSIONS**

After 10:00 am Mass & before 6:00 pm Mass **Saturday**

**BAPTISMS**

4:30 pm **Saturday** 4:30 pm  
Except First Saturday of Month First Saturday of Month  
12:45 pm **Sunday**



**MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST**

May-02 & May-03-2009

**St. Mary & St. John Christ Our Light**

**6.00 pm** Patsie Murphy  
Marie Bohan  
Mary Walsh  
Marie Healy  
Margaret Kearney  
Nora Barry  
**8:30 am** Theresa Lucey  
Rita Murphy  
Mona Holland  
**10:00 am** Tadhg Murphy  
Mary Murphy  
Joan Tobin  
Tony O'Leary  
Phil Kennedy  
Seamus O'Shea  
**12 Noon** Michael Crowley  
Breda Lenihan  
Noel Hennessy  
Jacinta Jeffers  
Rena O'Connor  
Sean Farrell

**7:30 pm** Sheila O'Connor  
John Canty  
Brid Healy-Harris  
Kit Cahill  
**11:00 am** Carmel Ryan  
Angela Cunningham  
Laurence Cunningham  
Eileen Byrne  
**12:30 pm** Eileen Garvey  
Sally Power  
Breda Callanan  
Catherine Freehill  
Attracta McKiernan  
**5:30 pm** Phil O'Connell  
Maire McCullagh  
Olan O'Mahony

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**2009 Retreat for Ballincollig Parishioners**

Day and date; Saturday 9th May 2009  
Venue: The Meditation Centre,  
St. Dominic's Retreat House, Montenotte, Cork  
Time: 10.30 a.m. to 4.00 pm.  
Conducted by: Martina Lehane Sheehan  
Cost: €20.00 per person

A light lunch - soup, tea, coffee and rolls will be supplied. The talks will be based on methods of prayer and will include the Lectio Divina method of praying Scripture. The day is of special importance for the Scripture (Lectio Divina) groups in the parish, but anyone who is interested in improving their relationship with God through prayer or praying with Scripture will be welcome. The Sunday Mass will be celebrated at 3 pm.

Kindly fill in the form below if you wish to attend and hand it into the sacristy (either Church) on or before Monday 4th May

I am interested in attending the retreat on Saturday 9th. May

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No \_\_\_\_\_